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1. The "Societa delle Cartiere Meridionali" of Isola del Liri (Frosinone), Italy, has acquired one hundred tons of special hard surfaced tissue paper usable as insulation for condensers and transformers. This firm has contracted with the Soviet Embassy, Rome, for shipment of the paper to the Soviet Union in return for cellulose paper to be furnished by the Soviet Union.

2. The paper is in two thicknesses: one type thickness of .00032 inches (8.1 micron); the other is .0004 inches (10.2 micron). The specific weight is 1 or 1.10 (sic) and the price is 1,300 lire per kilogram.

3. The paper is reportedly produced by Smith Paper, Incorporated in the United States, and it is alleged that the United States is the sole producer of this material.

4. If the transaction noted above is successfully consummated, similar arrangements for the purchase and dispatch to the Soviet Union of another one hundred tons of this paper is contemplated.

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